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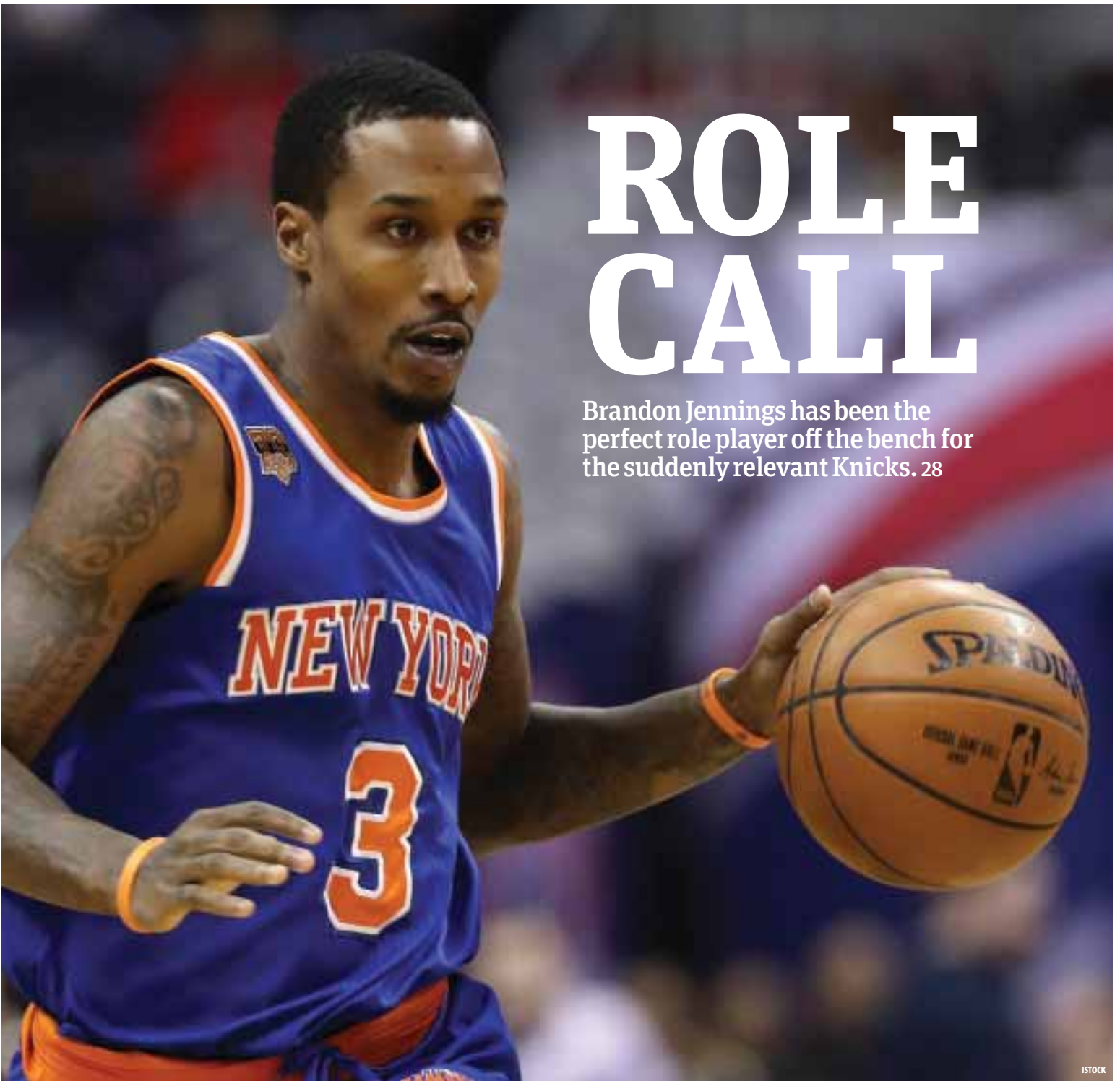
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CARSON ACCEPTS TRUMP'S OFFER TO HEAD US HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson, a rival-turned-supporter of Donald Trump, overcame his stated qualms about a lack of government experience on Monday to accept the president-elect's nomination to lead the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Democrats criticized the Republican president-elect's latest pick for his incoming administration, calling Carson unqualified to take over \$48-billion agency that oversees public housing. Carson, a popular writer and speaker in conservative circles, has been a close adviser to Trump since he dropped out of the 2016 Republican presidential primary contest and he is a vice chairman of Trump's transition team. Trump discussed the job with Carson before the Thanksgiving Day holiday last month, although - despite his own presidential run - Carson had previously indicated reluctance to take a position in the incoming administration because of his lack of experience in federal government. **REUTERS**

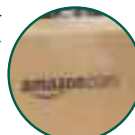


AL QAEDA MILITANTS BLOW UP YEMEN GAS EXPORT PIPELINE

Al Qaeda militants blew up Yemen's only gas export pipeline, local officials said, in a further blow to a moribund but vital piece of infrastructure for an impoverished country battered by 20 months of war. The explosion occurred in the remote desert area of al-Uqla in the southern province of Shabwa, the officials said, and severed the link between Yemen's gas-producing Marib region and the export terminal of Balhaf on the Arabian Sea. Oil and gas once accounted for most of Yemen's revenue before a civil war and military intervention led by Saudi Arabia halted their export and unleashed a humanitarian crisis. **REUTERS**

AMAZON OPENS LINE-FREE GROCERY STORE IN CHALLENGE TO SUPERMARKETS

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New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio speaks to the press in front of Trump Tower after his meeting with president-elect Donald Trump on Nov. 16, 2016. **GETTY IMAGES**

De Blasio wants \$35M for Trump security costs

Meanwhile, two city council members have launched a petition drive to call on the president-elect to guarantee reimbursement for safeguarding Trump Tower.

The situation is "truly unusual," de Blasio said at a Monday news conference.

Trump has used the skyscraper for years as his primary residence and the headquarters of his global business empire. His presence there since the Nov. 8 election has caused traffic jams and frustrated commuters, retailers and tourists.

De Blasio said he would send President Barack Obama a letter asking for federal funds to pay for security costs through Jan. 20, when Trump is to take the oath of office in Washington and become

the federal government. "The costs of providing presidential security are enormous and New York should not get stuck paying the tab," he said.

The petition appeals to Trump as a longtime city resident. "Let's end the suspense: We ask you to commit the necessary federal funds to reimburse New York for all costs of protecting you and your family — both before and after your inauguration as President of the United States of America," the petition reads.

"As a lifelong New Yorker, you understand the importance of a vibrant local economy, and one that has the resources to operate. Make it clear today that New York City is not going to get stuck with the bill."

More than 100 NYPD officers have been deployed in the vicinity of Trump Tower. The security detail includes dozens of traffic officers.

The cost of the extra security has been estimated at about \$1 million a day, according to several news media reports.

"The costs of providing presidential security are enormous and New York should not get stuck paying the tab."

Dan Garodnick

the 45th president.

The mayor also said he will meet with members of the Obama administration and lawmakers this week to press his case.

After the inauguration, de Blasio said he

and its first responders, and it is simply unsustainable," Mark-Viverito said.

Garodnick told DNAinfo that the petition on Change.org is designed to place extra pressure on Trump and

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Malliotakis announces lawsuit against city to keep IDNYC data

Staten Island Assemblymembers Nicole Malliotakis and Ron Castorina have “commenced legal action.”



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The battle over IDNYC data has begun.

Staten Island Assemblymembers Nicole Malliotakis and Ron Castorina called a news conference Monday to say they’ve “commenced legal action” to preserve application information from IDNYC card users, information that Mayor de Blasio said could be destroyed in order to protect residents.

The fate of the data has become a controversial subject since President-elect Donald Trump pledged to drive out illegal immigrants — and that information could provide some leads. The city-issued ID cards are designed to help undocumented immigrants do such things as open bank accounts and obtain library cards.

The legislators filed for an injunction to prevent the NYC Human

Resources Administration, which administers the IDNYC municipal identification program, from destroying the encrypted files on account that it violates the state’s Freedom of Information Law (FOIL).

“It is unconscionable that the City of New York would distribute nearly 900,000 identification cards, then destroy all the documents applicants used to apply for those cards. This data could be helpful in the future to investigate a crime perpetrated with the use of an IDNYC card,” Malliotakis stated at the news conference outside Richmond County Supreme Court on Dec. 5.

Written into the legislative code for the IDNYC program is a provision that allows for the agency to decide the necessity of retaining the records on or before Dec. 31.

The assemblymembers also suggest that because “The 9/11 Commission Report” found that some of the terrorists obtained fraudulent IDs, and because the commission recommended stringent standards for issuing birth certificates and driver’s licenses, that the city’s ID program is en-



Nicole Malliotakis. GETTY IMAGES

abling fraud.

The Office of the Mayor responded strongly to the allegations that IDNYC supports dangerous people.

“The safety of New Yorkers is City Hall’s top priority, and that includes safeguarding the privacy and security of

IDNYC cardholder data. Claims that IDNYC is being used by those intending serious harm is reckless fear-mongering — the IDNYC application process is similar to DMVs across the country, highly trained staff use state-of-the-art technology to identify

instances of fraud,” de Blasio representative Rosemary Boeglin said.

Boeglin made clear that “IDNYC cannot be used to obtain a driver’s license, board a plane, or cross a border” or to obtain other official documents such as a passport.

The mayor also addressed the topic at an unrelated press conference on Monday.

“If you look at the original legislation, which is the law of this city, it was quite clear that ... we were not going to allow ourselves to be in a situation where those records would be turned over to the federal government. The whole ID — the whole idea, excuse me, of IDNYC was to give people an opportunity in this city to live a better life for themselves and their families, to have a deeper connection to the city and the city government. That they could go visit a loved one in the hospital, they could go visit their child’s teacher, that if they had an interaction with a police officer there was an ID recognized by the NYPD,” the mayor said.

“The reason people were willing to trust us is we made very clear that there would never be a situation where it would lead to their deportation, and we’re going to keep that pledge, and it’s also part of our law. It’s quite clearly stated in the legislation, so we will follow through on that,” he said.

BRIEF

Police: 3-year-old Brooklyn boy beaten in his home dies of injuries

The 3-year-old Brooklyn boy found with a fractured skull in his home last week has died, and authorities may upgrade charges already filed against the mother’s boyfriend.

The NYPD confirmed that the child, Jaden Jordan, had died. Relatives told the New York Daily News he died Saturday night, shortly after they took him off life support.

He had been in critical condition since Nov. 28, when police responded to his Gravesend apartment at 2161 W. Fifth St., and found the boy unconscious. His injuries included a fractured skull and lacerated spleen and liver.

Police charged the mother’s boyfriend, Salvatore Lucchesse,



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24, with four counts of assault and a count of endangering the welfare of a child. The child’s death could bring upgraded charges against the man, according to a report in NY1.

The city Administration for Children’s Services had received a tip about alleged abuse, but the caller provided the wrong address, NY1 reported.

ALEXI FRIEDMAN

Off-duty NYC correction officer shot and killed in her car in Brooklyn

An off-duty officer with the city Correction Department was fatally shot inside her car late Sunday night on a Brooklyn street, the NYPD said.

Alastasia Bryan, 25, of Brooklyn, had gunshot wounds to her head and midsection, and was pronounced dead when EMS arrived at the scene on East 73rd Street and Avenue L in Flatlands, police said.

Detectives were still investigating the 9:15 p.m. killing. No arrests have been made. The

rookie officer who worked on Rikers Island appeared to be the victim of a drive-by shooting, according to the New York Daily News.

The president of the Correction Officers Benevolent Association, Elias Husamudeen, issued a statement, expressing his shock and grief over “the horrific murder of one of the youngest members of New York City’s Boldest, who was shot and killed by an unknown assailant while sitting in her



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car in Brooklyn.” He added the union will do “everything we can to support the officer’s family during this time

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Amazon opens line-free grocery store in challenge to supermarkets

Sensors are used to detect items.

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dreds of these stores around the country, it would be a huge threat" to supermarket chains, he said.

The S&P 1500 food retail index, which includes Kroger Co, Whole

Foods Market Inc and other companies, was down 0.5 percent at the close. Shares of Amazon closed up about 2.6 percent.

Amazon Go is available now for employees

of the company and is expected to be open to the public early next year, Amazon said.

If tests are successful, Amazon plans to open more than 2,000 grocery stores, the Wall Street

Journal reported on Monday, citing sources. The company is considering other store formats, including one that would let drivers pick up goods at the curbside, the report said.

Amazon declined to comment on the report.

"The checkout lines are always the most inefficient parts of the store experience," said Neil Saunders, managing director of retail research firm Conlumino. "Not only would you save a lot on labor costs, you actually would make the process much quicker for consumers and much more satisfying."

Still, the grab-and-go experience would take getting used to, he said.

Some people may "feel like they stole" an item, Saunders said.

Apart from groceries such as bread and milk, the store also offers ready-to-eat meals made fresh by on-site chefs and local kitchens and bakeries, Amazon said.

That would make Amazon Go a potential competitor to fast-casual dining chains like Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc as well.

Amazon Go is not the first physical store for the e-commerce company to open.

It has a book store in Seattle, as well as pop-ups at malls where it displays Amazon devices such as the Kindle. **REUTERS**

Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner to move family to Washington

While his son Barron and wife Melania will remain in New York for the foreseeable future, President-elect Donald Trump will not be without his family in the nation's capital. Daughter Ivanka, son-in-law Jared Kushner and their three children are all headed to Washington, media reports indicated.

The couple, credited for helping steer Trump to victory in November, is currently house hunting in Washington, D.C., according to CNN. Ivanka Trump has been one of her father's most trusted advisers and continues to be a key player on the transition team, having meetings with prominent



Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump at the 2016 U.S. Open. GETTY IMAGES

people such as Al Gore on Monday before the president-elect's own meeting with the former vice president. She has also pledged to advocate on issues such as wage equality and child care. The president-elect also suggested via a series of posts on Twitter that he will be leaving his "great

business in total order" to his eldest children.

Kushner is also expected to be a White House adviser in a not-yet-specified role. Though concerns over anti-nepotism policies might complicate Kushner's appointment, key members of the Trump administration seemed confident he

would play a role.

"I think Jared Kushner, obviously [Trump's] son-in-law is going to be very involved in decision-making," White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus said on NBC's "Today" show last month.

It's not known exactly where Ivanka Trump and her husband are looking, though some reports contend the practicing Orthodox Jewish family might be searching in Georgetown.

Last month, it was reported that Melania will continue to live at Trump Tower with son Barron, 10, who attends an Upper West Side private school.

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BRIEFS

Teen accused of throwing cat off balcony in disturbing video posted on social media

A New Jersey teen is facing animal cruelty charges after she was allegedly captured on video throwing a cat off a third-floor balcony.

The disturbing incident is believed to have taken place on Thursday when Tikeemah J. Lassiter, 19, of Clinton, was visiting relatives in Newark, police said.

A video that went up on social media shows a woman, who authorities believe to be Lassiter, hurling the cat over the balcony, three stories to the sidewalk. Police were alerted to the video after a "concerned citizen" saw it online.

Though the cat doesn't appear to move in the video, the animal survived and was turned over to the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of



Tikeemah J. Lassiter NEWARK POLICE

Cruelty to Animals, police said.

Lassiter, who reportedly does not own the cat, was arrested Saturday and charged with animal cruelty. A \$10,000 warrant had also been issued for Lassiter's arrest by New Jersey Transit Police for an assault, according to police.

After a vet examines the cat, the agency will determine where to place it.

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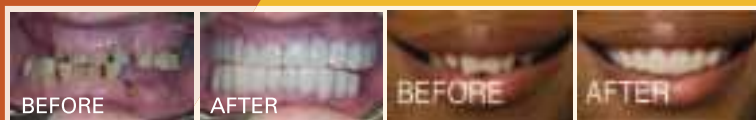
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HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Volkswagen's new division takes aim at Uber-style competition

An on-demand shuttle service will be offered next year.

Volkswagen (VOWG_p.DE) launched a new digital business division on Monday to take on services such as Uber UBER.UL, shifting its focus beyond selling cars to catering for customers who prefer to pay for use rather than own a vehicle.

VW will offer on-demand shuttle services next year through the new division, to be called MOIA. That takes Europe's largest carmaker deeper into digital mobility services after investing in ride-hailing business Gett earlier this year.

"Mid- and long-term MOIA will create the kinds of services that will meet the needs of urban citizens," Ole Harms, head of the new division said on Monday.

VW, seeking to recover from its diesel emissions scandal, expects to earn a substantial share of revenues by 2025 from the new services business as it revamps its core brand while investing billions of euros in electric vehicles, ride-hailing and self-driving cars.

The business prospects are huge, consultants A.T. Kearney said in a study published in October. The global market for self-driving vehicles and related services may surge to \$282 billion by 2030 from



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\$51 billion in 2020, the firm said.

VW has been slow to embrace electric cars and has long ignored alternatives to ownership, while German rivals Daimler (DAIGn.DE) and BMW (BMWG.DE) have for years been running their own car-sharing operations.

BMW plans to test self-driving cars in Munich as a way to advance a new ride-hailing business model without needing drivers, the company said on Monday. [LSN1DZOSM]

VW made it clear it wants to make up for lost time as it used a London startup conference to launch MOIA.

"Even though not everyone will still own a car in future, MOIA can help make everyone a customer of our company in some way or another," Chief Executive Matthias Mueller said.

Mueller said last month that Volkswagen

has been in talks with Uber on potential cooperation but the carmaker would not settle for the role as a mere supplier.

The German company wants to become a leader in the new services in Europe over the next one to two years, Harms told reporters late on Sunday, adding that Berlin-based MOIA's workforce will quadruple to 200 staff next year.

"We want to bring our services to the market at scale," Harms told the conference, citing Europe, the United States and China as key markets. "It's a build-and-buy strategy."

In an interview with Reuters, Harms said MOIA has a reasonable, three-digit million-euro amount of capital to invest, putting it in the same league as leading European early-stage investors such as Index, Atomico and Accel. REUTERS

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Mr. Metcalf lit up every year as he saw the faces of children unwrap their holiday

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Death toll rises to at least 36 from California warehouse inferno

Officials were unsure how many people were present when the fire erupted. One survivor has estimated 60 to 70 were inside at the time.

The confirmed death toll from a blaze that engulfed a converted warehouse during a weekend dance party in Oakland, California, rose to 36 on Monday, the greatest loss of life from a U.S. fire in over a decade, and officials said they were certain to find more bodies.

What sparked the fire, which erupted late on Friday in a sprawling two-story building that housed an artists' collective, has yet to be determined, but authorities

were believed to be examining possible safety violations at the site, which was already under investigation for reports of illegal construction.

Investigators from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives identified an "area of interest" on the ground floor that was still out of reach, according to Sgt. Ray Kelly, a spokesman for the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

He declined to elaborate, though authorities said their first priority remained the recovery of victims and support for their loved ones.

"We are no closer to finding the cause, and we absolutely believe that the number of fire fatalities will increase," Oakland Fire Battalion Chief Melinda Drayton told a news conference at the site.



Law enforcement and firefighters are seen at the site of a warehouse fire that has claimed the lives of at least 36 people this past weekend in Oakland, California. GETTY IMAGES

Authorities have said arson was not immediately suspected. But a team of criminal investigators from the Alameda County District Attorney's Office has been activated, and prosecutors are monitoring the recovery process, Oakland Mayor Libby

Schaaf said on Sunday.

The nature of the fire has raised questions about whether building code violations might have been a factor. City officials have said the warehouse, known locally as the Ghost Ship, was under scrutiny for complaints of

illegal construction inside, and that an inspector visited the property on Nov. 17.

Municipal authorities also cited reports that people were living in the structure even though it was not permitted for residential use. A number of

individuals who had been inside the warehouse described it as a potential fire trap.

The first floor of the building, which housed a group of artists who called themselves the Satya Yuga Collective, was a cluttered warren of partitioned studio spaces and rooms crammed with furniture, musical instruments, antiques, sculptures, wall-hangings and rugs, according to photos posted on social media before the fire and accounts of survivors and city officials.

Two recreational vehicles believed to have been used as living quarters and work space was found parked on the ground floor inside, Kelly said.

The dance party was held on the second floor, which partially collapsed when the roof gave way in the fire. REUTERS

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Ga. man sentenced to life for toddler's 'hot car' murder

Vic Reynolds, the Cobb County district attorney, told reporters that his office gets no joy from winning the case, but that they have found "justice for Cooper Harris."



Justin Ross Harris KELLY HUFF, POOL PHOTO

"There's only one sentence for this act of evil ... We ask a term of life in prison without parole."

Prosecutor Chuck Boring

A Georgia man will spend the rest of his life behind bars for intentionally leaving his toddler son to die inside a sweltering sport utility vehicle on a summer day, a judge ruled Monday.

Justin Ross Harris, 35, was found guilty last month of felony murder, as well as counts of first- and second-degree cruelty to a child in connection with the June 2014 death of the 22-month-old boy, Cooper.

The former Home Depot web developer was also convicted of criminal attempt to commit sexual exploitation of a child because of explicit texts he sent to a teenage girl.

Looking exhausted and wearing an orange prison jumpsuit in the

courtroom, Harris said only "yes" and "no" in response to Cobb County Superior Court Judge Mary Staley Clark.

His attorneys declined to offer any evidence on Monday to mitigate his sentence. During the trial, they had described Harris as a flawed but God-fearing man who loved his only child. They said he simply forgot to take the boy to his day-care center after a father-and-son breakfast.

The defense lawyers left court without comment after the sentence.

ing. They have said they will appeal Harris' conviction, but have not yet said on what grounds.

Prosecutor Chuck Boring told the session that Harris committed "an unspeakable act" against his own flesh and blood, and that he should be given the maximum sentence allowed.

Sentencing Harris to life with no parole plus 32 years, Clark said the defendant had deliberately caused his own child "unimaginable, severe physical and mental agony."

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BRIEF

Judge declares mistrial in ex-South Carolina policeman's murder trial

A South Carolina judge declared a mistrial on Monday after jurors weighing a murder charge against a white former South Carolina police officer who shot and killed a black motorist last year said they were deadlocked.

Ex-North Charleston patrolman Michael Slager, 35, was arrested and charged with murder after a bystander's

cellphone video showed him firing eight times at 50-year-old Walter Scott's back as he fled an April 2015 traffic stop.

Twelve jurors heard four weeks of testimony in a Charleston courtroom and deliberated over four days. Slager testified on his own behalf during the state trial.

"Despite our best efforts, we have been unable to come to a unanimous verdict," the jury said in a note to Judge Clifton



Michael Slager HANDOUT

Newman on Monday afternoon.

Jurors first alerted the judge that they were deadlocked on Friday. They said one member

was holding out against a conviction, though they did not indicate whether the rest of the panel was settled on finding Slager guilty of murder or a lesser charge of voluntary manslaughter.

Jurors decided to deliberate again on Monday. After receiving more explanation of the law from Newman, however, they sent another note saying they would not reach a consensus.

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ALARM BELLS

In the weeks before Christmas, the fire department in our neighborhood has a fun custom. They rev up their big red truck, one of their guys slaps on a Santa suit and climbs up on top and then, lights flashing and sirens wailing, they ride up and down the streets.

We never know precisely when they will start or where they will go, so every time we hear a possible approach we dash to the door. Which can be unfortunate, because sometimes they're just doing their job and we find ourselves grinning and waving at people who are heading to a kitchen fire.

It's not really our fault. We just don't know whether to take the siren seriously.

This is the problem facing D.C. right now. As the Trump transition team rushes to get ready for January, a lot of sirens are being set off. Political pros and pundits are howling about how the president-elect is picking his cabinet, his tweets, his business connections, his often shaky relationship with the truth and of course his virtually unprecedented phone call with the leader of Taiwan. They are warning that Trump's harum-scarum ways could upend the economy and upset world affairs. It's no surprise. After all, there would be serious questions about any president with absolutely no experience in government or the military.

And perhaps the critics will be right. Maybe the grand experi-

TOM FOREMAN

Opinion

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously." @tomforemancnn



ment to "make America great again" will be a catastrophe, bringing down endless hell on our heads and those of our children for many years. But no one knows at this point. It is also possible Trump's plans will be the very thing that breaks the gridlock, gets the rusty wheels of government rolling and heats up an economy that has remained stubbornly lukewarm. Again, no one can tell.

All we know right now is that sirens are sounding and we're all looking up the street wondering what's coming. And until the lights come around the corner and he actually takes office — and power — no one's guess is much better than anyone else's.



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Activists gird for fight ahead in N. Dakota

The company building the pipeline, Energy Transfer Partners, said late on Sunday that it had no plans to re-route the line, and expected to complete the project.

Thousands of protesters in North Dakota celebrated the federal government's ruling against a controversial pipeline but girded for a protracted struggle as President-elect Donald Trump's transition team said on Monday it supports the project and would review it after he takes office.

Standing Rock Sioux Chairman Dave Archambault said in an interview with Reuters on Monday that he hopes to speak with Trump about the Dakota Access Pipeline.

He said non-Sioux protesters could go home because no action was likely until late January after Trump takes office.

"Nothing will happen this winter," Archambault said. "The current administration did the right thing and we need to educate the incoming administration and help them understand the right decision was made."

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said on Sunday it rejected an application for the pipeline to tunnel under Lake Oahe, a reservoir formed by a dam on the Missouri River.

Native Americans and activists protesting the project have argued that the 1,772-mile Dakota Access Pipeline would damage sacred lands and could contaminate the tribe's water source.

Late on Sunday, Energy Transfer Partners said in a joint statement with its partner Sunoco Logistics Partners that it does not intend to re-route the line and called the Obama administration's decision a "political action."

Protesters at the Oceti Sakowin camp in Cannon Ball, North Dakota, were upbeat after the Army Corps of Engineers announcement but expressed trepidation that the celebration would be short-lived.

"This is a temporary celebration. I think this is just a rest," Charlotte Bad Cob, 30, of the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, said on Sunday. "With a new government it could turn and we could be at it again."

Hundreds of U.S. veterans have joined the protesters. Several veterans at the camp told Reuters they thought Sunday's decision was a tactic to get protesters to leave. They said they had no plans to leave because they anticipate heated opposition from Energy Transfer Partners (ETP) and the incoming administration.

The pipeline is complete except for a 1-mile segment that was to run under Lake Oahe, which required permission from federal authorities.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said it would analyze possible alternate routes, but any other route is likely to cross the Missouri River.

Tom Goldtooth, a member of the Lakota people from Minnesota and co-founder of Indigenous Environmental Network, said he expected Trump to try to reverse the decision.

"I think we're going to be in this for the long haul. That's what my fear is," he said.

The chief executive of ETP, Kelcy Warren, donated to Trump's campaign, while the president-elect has investments in ETP and Phillips 66, another partner in the project.

As of Trump's mid-2016 financial disclosure form, his stake in ETP was between \$15,000 and \$50,000, down from between \$500,000 and \$1 million in mid-2015. He had between \$100,000 and \$250,000 in shares of Phillips, according to federal forms.

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US court puts Obamacare case on hold until Trump takes office

Trump has said he favors repealing and replacing Obamacare but would consider retaining certain elements.

A federal appeals court on Monday brought to an end President Barack Obama's bid to overturn a ruling that threatens to gut his signature health-care law by putting the case on hold until after President-elect Donald Trump, who aims to repeal Obamacare, takes office.

The Obama administration had appealed a judge's May ruling favoring the challenge filed by Republicans in the House of Representatives against a key part of the 2010 law. But the U.S. Court of Appeals for

the District of Columbia Circuit agreed to a request by the Republicans to delay its consideration of the government's appeal until after Trump takes office on Jan. 20.

The Obama administration opposed the move.

If the law is repealed by Congress, the case would be moot. The court's decision to put the case on hold will not have an immediate effect on the law, as the lower court ruling was put on hold pending the appeal. The court said both sides should provide an update on the status of the case by Feb. 21.

The challenge targeted government reimbursements to insurance companies to compensate them for reductions that the law required them to make to customers' out-of-pocket medi-



The Supreme Court in 2012 and 2015 issued major rulings authored by conservative Chief Justice John Roberts that preserved Obamacare and rejected conservative challenges. GETTY IMAGES

cal payments.

The law has enabled millions of previously uninsured Americans to obtain health insurance, but Republicans condemn Obamacare as a government overreach and have mounted a series of legal challenges.

The Obama administration appealed U.S. District Judge Rosemary

Collyer's ruling that the government cannot spend billions of dollars in federal funds without congressional approval to provide subsidies under the health-care law to private insurers to help people afford medical coverage.

The House Republicans argued that the administration violated

the Constitution because it is the legislative branch, not the executive branch, that authorizes government spending.

The Obama administration has interpreted the provision as a type of federal spending that does not need to be explicitly authorized by Congress. REUTERS

BRIEF

Top court weighs race challenges to legislative districts

Supreme Court justices appeared unsure how to determine when states have unlawfully considered race while drawing legislative districts as they weighed cases in which Republicans in Virginia and North Carolina were accused of trying to dilute the clout of black voters.

Based on the two hours of oral arguments in the cases before the eight justices, it appeared that the voters who challenged Virginia's plan may win but the outcome in the North Carolina case was less clear. Conservative Justice Anthony Kennedy, who sided with the court's liberals in a ruling last year involving legislative districts in Alabama, could again be pivotal.

Race can be considered in redrawing the boundaries of voting districts only in certain instances, such as when states are seeking to comply with the federal Voting Rights Act, which protects minority voters.

In both cases before the justices, voters accused Republicans of packing black voters, who tend to back Democratic candidates, into certain districts to diminish their voting power. REUTERS

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Legal experts: Trump has broad power to implement immigration policies

Trump's transition team has not explained how the new president intends to implement his plans.

President-elect Donald Trump will be able to make many of his promised changes in immigration policy unilaterally by exercising the same kind of executive powers he criticized President Barack Obama for using.

But while most of the measures laid out in a 10-point immigration policy plan on Trump's transition website could be set in motion without legislative approval, fully implementing them would require funding Congress would have to approve, legal experts said.

Two core pieces of Trump's plan, for example, involve removing more criminal immigrants who are in the country illegally and ending "catch and release" of those who cross the border illegally and are awaiting court hearings.

Shifting policy on both issues could be accomplished by putting out new enforcement directives to agents in the field from the Department of Homeland Security.

But the changes would be expensive, requiring a dramatic expansion of immigration courts and detention facilities used by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, said Stephen Yale-Loehr, an immigration law expert at Cornell Law School.

More deportations would require more staff at every level of the system to investigate, apprehend and process those targeted. Immigration courts already have a back load of more than 500,000 cases. Detention space is currently stretched to house 41,000 immigrants currently awaiting deportation or hearings and far more holding facilities would be needed if detainees were no longer released while awaiting court dates.

Even then, completely ending the release of immigrants awaiting hearings would be difficult: A recent court decision has prohibited detention longer than 20 days for adults and children migrating together, a demographic that surged to more than 77,000 in fiscal year 2016.

"The president-elect is very focused on naming his cabinet, building out his administration and preparing to hit the ground running on Inauguration Day," said Ja-



Border Patrol agents patrol the United States-Mexico Border wall at Friendship Park in San Ysidro, California. GETTY IMAGES

son Miller, a spokesman for the Trump transition team. "There will be plenty of time to discuss detailed policy specifics after the swearing-in."

Democratic attorneys general and civil rights groups are already busy preparing legal arguments to try to stop Trump's executive actions should he implement some of his proposals. The pushback will be similar to the challenges Obama faced from Republican attorneys general and conservative groups when he acted alone to try to shield nearly 5 million immigrants from deportation.

Among the easiest immigration promises for Trump to fulfill will be his vow to reverse Obama's executive orders. The president-elect

could eliminate with a pen stroke Obama's 2012 policy allowing immigrants brought here illegally as children to apply for work permits, a program known as DACA that Trump has said he will end.

What would happen next is unclear. More than 740,000 people have been approved for deportation relief under the program, and many worry that their addresses and other identifying information could be used by the new administration to target them for deportation.

Steve Legomsky, former chief counsel at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, said no laws would prevent the Trump administration from using program records for immigration enforcement,

"Employers are going to be caught up in the crosshairs."

Business immigration lawyer Matthew Dunn from the law firm Kramer Levin

but the president-elect has not said he would do so.

Denying visas to people from countries "where adequate screening cannot occur," another point on Trump's immigration plan, could also be easily accomplished by the president.

Under current law, the administration can unilaterally suspend visas for any individuals or groups of people deemed "detrimental to the interests of the United States."

In the past, presidents have chosen to apply this statute narrowly — to keep out particular dictators or to deal with emergencies, for example. But the law is worded very broadly and could theoretically be applied to entire countries, said David Martin, emeritus professor of international law at University of Virginia School of Law.

Trump's promise to make legal immigration better serve America and its domestic workforce would likely focus, at least initially, on temporary employment visas such as the H-1B, which are issued to specialized workers in fields such as technology.

While Congress sets the maximum number of visas that can be issued annually, Trump could ask the Department of Justice to step up investigations of companies using those visas, with a focus on whether they are discriminating against American workers. This could include banning more tech outsourcing firms, which are the largest users of H-1B visas, from the program if they violate the rules, said Ron Hira, a professor at Howard University.

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But - and this is a very big but... even though this procedure has improved dramatically... it is not without risk.

In fact, a \$500 million verdict in a lawsuit was just awarded to patients who received faulty hip implants during hip replacement surgery.

Some of the damage being reported from the faulty hip replacements sounds horrific.

There is no doubt, joint replacement surgery should be your last resort.

But too many people think they need joint replacement surgery when you do not.

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It does But... viscosupplementation has not worked for many people.

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medical camera and fluoroscopic imaging to guide the procedure and make sure the gel-like medicine gets exactly where you need it.

Many doctors doing this procedure do not use this advanced digital imaging and do these procedure either under ultrasound or "blind."

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They say there is no difference - but research shows that doctors doing joint injections without being guided by the proper imaging **completely miss the joint space about one third of the time.**

cancel the surgery because they feel so much better.

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"Precision Arthritis Targeting" Technology

There are many big medical clinics in NYC. In fact, New York offers some of the best medical care in the world.

With so many great options - **why are knee arthritis sufferers flocking to NY Pain Relief MD?**

There are several reasons. The first is what we can "Precision Targeted Knee Pain Technology."

Here's what that means and why it is so important to you.

This treatment places a medical lubricating and cushioning gel directly into the arthritic knee joint. This helps the knee glide more smoothly decreasing or

eliminating pain.

Precision Arthritis Targeted Technology Or PATT means that we use extremely advanced digital imaging to make sure this lubricating gel is placed precisely where it is supposed to go. This means treatments have the best chance for success.

Doing this procedure without this advanced technology often leads to misplaced lubricating gel and failure.

Another secret to success is using multiple treatments to maximize pain relief and healing. NY Pain MD uses multiple brands of lubricating gels and also offers

stem cell therapy and platelet rich plasma (PRP). PRP is being used by top professional athletes in an attempt to heal injuries faster. The combination of these treatments can often get incredible results when other treatments have failed.

While many clinics only offer one of these treatments - NY Pain Relief MD offers them all under one roof for maximum results and convenience.

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It is NOT pain pills and grueling exercises. We think it is...

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As time goes on - the joint wears out more and more and the pain can be excruciating.

The medical procedure I am speaking about is called...

viscosupplementation. During this procedure a FDA approved gel-like medicine is placed directly into the joint space.

This allows the joint to glide freely and move much better again.

This decreases the abnormal

The first reason some people did not get good results with viscosupplementation is... bluntly... this is a real medical procedure done by real medical doctors.

This is NOT a "wonder cure" sold by slick marketers.

In the real world of medicine and science, no treatments work 100% of the time or on everyone. And no good and ethical doctor would make such a claim or guarantee any results what-so-ever.

So, there are some people that will not get results with this treatment.

Reason #2

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But one of the biggest successes is when patients who were told they needed joint replacement surgery

White House decries fake news that led to pizzeria shooting

The restaurant and its workers were the target of social media threats ahead of the election after fake news stories, known as "Pizzagate," claimed that Clinton and her campaign chief John Podesta were running a child sex ring out of the pizzeria.

The White House on Monday condemned a surge in politically motivated fake news after one such bogus story allegedly prompted a man to walk into a crowded Washington pizzeria and fire a gun.

A North Carolina man was arrested at the Comet Ping Pong restaurant on



Exterior of Comet Ping Pong in Washington, D.C. GETTY IMAGES

Sunday after he showed up with an assault rifle. The man said he wanted to investigate reports that claimed the restaurant was the hub of a child sex ring organized by former Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

Police arrested him and the incident ended without bloodshed.

"There's no denying

the corrosive effect these false reports have had on our political debate. And that's concerning in a political context," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said at a briefing. "It's deeply troubling that some of these false reports could lead to violence."

The Comet Ping Pong case was one example

of a proliferation of fake news reports during the election year, often disseminated through websites purporting to be news outlets and quoting unnamed or bogus sources.

The suspect in Sunday's incident was Edgar Maddison Welch, 28, of Salisbury, North Carolina. He was accused by police of assault with a dangerous weapon, which carries a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, and other charges. Police seized an AR-15 military-style rifle, a .38-caliber handgun and a shotgun.

It was not immediately known if Welch had a lawyer.

Welch pleaded guilty in 2013 to a misdemeanor charge of driving while impaired, a clerk with the Rowan County Court in North Carolina said.

Hours after Sunday's incident, the bogus sex ring story was given a boost by Michael Flynn Jr., the son of retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, Trump's pick to be his national security adviser.

"Until #Pizzagate proven to be false, it'll remain a story. The left seems to forget #PodestaEmails and the many 'coincidences' tied to it," Flynn tweeted, referring to the leak of emails tied to Podesta during the campaign.

The elder Flynn tweeted the false story a few days before the election as well.

Earnest said President Barack Obama "is concerned that that kind of harsh, sometimes violent rhetoric obscures legitimate policy debates that we should be having in this country." REUTERS

BRIEF

Texas sheriff's deputy killed after driving into sinkhole

A Texas sheriff's deputy was killed after her car plunged into a 12-foot-deep sinkhole that opened up on a flooded two-lane street during drenching evening rains, San Antonio officials said.

Dora Linda Nishihara's body was found inside an upturned car in the sinkhole, the Bexar County Sheriff's Office said in a news release. She was a part-time deputy with the agency.

Witnesses said it would have been impossible for her to see the sinkhole created by a ruptured underground sewer pipe during a rainstorm on Sunday night, San Antonio Fire Chief Charles Hood told reporters on Monday.

A passer-by rescued a 60-year-old man from another car also consumed by the sinkhole, Hood said, adding that both were hospitalized with minor injuries.

It was not clear what caused the sewer line, which was little more than a year old, to burst, said Robert Puente, president of the San Antonio Water System.

The incident occurred during a storm that dumped as much as 7 inches of rain in the San Antonio area in the south-central part of the state. REUTERS



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Trump, ex-VP Gore meet, discuss climate policy

Gore, who lost the 2000 presidential campaign to Republican George W. Bush, has for years been devoted to lowering carbon emissions blamed for climate change.

Former Vice President Al Gore, a leading voice in the fight against climate change, and Donald Trump, who at one point called it a hoax, met on Monday in what Gore called a "productive" session.

Gore, a Democrat, spent about 90 minutes in meetings at the president-elect's Trump Tower apartment and office building in Manhattan. In addition to seeing Trump, he also met briefly with the Republican's daughter, Ivanka, who attended a series of high-level meetings since her father won the Nov. 8 election.

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As he campaigned for Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton earlier this year, Gore warned that Trump would steer the world toward "climate catastrophe" if elected president.

That warning came



Former Vice President Al Gore talks to the media after meeting with President-elect Donald Trump at Trump Tower on Monday in New York City. GETTY IMAGES

amid Trump campaign speeches calling on the United States to drop out of last year's global climate accord signed in Paris to lower carbon emissions blamed for a warming planet.

Trump also referred to human-induced climate change as a hoax, and had tweeted that "the concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive."

Since then, however, in an interview with The New York Times, Trump has indicated that he might have an open mind to joining the effort to battle climate change.

Gore had a somewhat more upbeat take on Trump after huddling

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Gore told reporters

with the wealthy New York real estate developer and television reality star.

"It was a sincere search for areas of common ground," Gore told

reporters, adding, "I found it an extremely interesting conversation and, to be continued."

Aides to Trump were not immediately available to comment on Monday's meeting.

Gore, who shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007 for his work in urging action against the risks of global warming, was also kicking off on Monday a 24-hour talk-a-thon to urge more action in the battle against climate change, which threatens to raise sea levels, spread diseases and increase droughts in more regions in the world.

In a possibly related matter, Trump is scheduled to meet on Tuesday with Rex Tillerson, the head of Exxon Mobil Corp. who possibly is being considered for the job of secretary of state in the Trump administration. Trump takes office on Jan. 20.

Exxon Mobil has embraced the 2015 Paris Agreement that would lower global greenhouse gas emissions by between 26 percent and 28 percent from 2005 levels by 2025.

An aide to Gore said the Trump transition reached out to him after the former vice president had said he intended to do everything he could to work with the president-elect to ensure that the United States remains a leader in the effort to address climate change. REUTERS



Sen. Jerry Hill FACEBOOK

Calif. bill would require reporting of 'superbug' infections, deaths

A California state senator introduced a bill on Monday that would mandate reporting of antibiotic-resistant infections and deaths and require doctors to record the infections on death certificates when they are a cause of death.

The legislation also aims to establish the nation's most comprehensive statewide surveillance system to track infections and deaths from drug-resistant pathogens. Data from death certificates would be used to help compile an annual state report on superbug infections and related deaths.

In September, a Reuters investigation revealed that tens of thousands of superbug deaths nationwide go uncounted every year. The infections are often omitted from death certificates, and even when they are recorded, they aren't counted because of the lack of a unified national surveillance system.

"The [Reuters] story

highlighted some of the problems that have come from the lack of information, the lack of reporting, especially deaths," said state Senator Jerry Hill, who introduced the bill. "I wasn't aware that on death certificates, antibiotic-resistant infections have never been called out."

Because there is no federal surveillance system, monitoring of superbug infections and deaths falls to the states. A Reuters survey of all 50 state health departments and the District of Columbia found that reporting requirements vary widely.

California is among the states that do not require reporting of superbug-related deaths. A Reuters analysis of death certificates from 2003 to 2014 identified more than 20,000 deaths linked to the infections in California, the most of any state – and probably an undercount, given the unreliability of death certificate data.

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Another Kardashian wedding special?

This year has been good to Rob Kardashian and Blac Chyna. Notorious recluse Kardashian finally left the house. He got engaged to his famous sister's top nemesis. The duo got their own reality TV show. Last month, they had a beautiful baby and named her Dream Kardashian. And they got a paycheck for, well, most of it. In addition to their E! show, "Rob & Chyna," the pair also filmed a delivery special for the birth of their daughter that's expected to air in a few weeks.

If you watched "Rob & Chyna" you know that things between the couple haven't

been exactly peachy. But TMZ is reporting Baby Dream has brought them closer and they're still on track to get married. Another major force driving them to the altar: a possible TV special. For the right price, the couple is willing to let the world into their wedding.

Blac Chyna is really getting the hang of this Kardashian thing. But we would just like to remind her how things went for Kris Humphries after that famous wedding special aired.



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Amy Schumer too sick for Australian leg of tour

Amy Schumer on Monday unexpectedly canceled the entire Australian and New Zealand leg of her world tour. Live Nation made the announcement that all of Amy's Down Under dates had been scrapped due to illness.

The comedienne was set to perform in Perth, Australia,

on Dec. 10 and hit Melbourne, Brisbane, Sydney, and Auckland, New Zealand by December 17. Ticketholders can expect a full refund within 10 days. But the tour won't be rebooked because of Amy's "tight schedule." Schumer herself has yet to comment on the cancellation. She must be really under the weather. This must be the mother of all nasty colds. Let's just hope she's not pulling a Kanye.



Dave Chappelle and Courtney Love party in Miami

Dave Chappelle had an unlikely wingman by his side in Miami this weekend for Art Basel ... or, should we say, wingwoman. TMZ just released pictures of the comedian frolicking around Miami with Courtney Love, cigarettes in hand. Apparently, they hit a Madonna concert and a party at the Faena hotel. They're certainly an odd couple. We're not even going to speculate

that they're dating, because they remind us too much of that aunt and uncle who have too much to drink during the holidays,

break things—and inevitably ask for money.

The latter certainly isn't the case for Chappelle, who recently

inked a \$60 million deal with Netflix for a series of comedy specials. As for Courtney, she's still just the drunk aunt with really cool stories to tell at Christmas.



We imagine how RiRi spends a Saturday

On Saturday, some clips of Rihanna being totally mortal and riding the New York Subway surfaced online. She was shooting a scene with Sarah Paulson for their upcoming flick, "Ocean's Eight." It got us thinking, what would a "normal" weekend look like for Bad Gal RiRi? *Cue dream sequence music*

Robyn Fenty wakes up around 11:30 a.m.

— not because she's lazy but because she was probably on-set until around 3 a.m. She lights a joint. She's a millennial, so she lurks on social media before getting out of bed. She won't post a single thing, and if she likes a pic, it'll be one from a random, makeup artist in Dallas wear-

ing a Rihanna T-shirt. At around 1 p.m. her roommate/BFF Melissa will order a pizza. Even Rihanna enjoys pizza every once in a while. They share a joint. After catching up on "Love & Hip Hop," she mistakenly sends Drake a "miss u" text meant for her mom. He texts back immediately. She doesn't respond. She rolls a joint. At around 5 p.m. she decides to get cute and have dinner in SoHo. She takes 413 selfies. She'll post one of them in about six weeks. She smokes another joint and heads out the door. Paparazzi snap a picture of her outfit and we collectively wish we were her.

During the Uber ride home, she gets a text from Taylor Swift to have drinks with her #squad. She blocks her. #teamkaty

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Relating to Randall on 'This Is Us'

Sterling K. Brown has a lot more in common with his character than you'd think.



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It's impossible not to fall in love with Randall on the hit NBC show "This Is Us."

Driven, intelligent and dedicated to his family, he's the kind of guy most men aspire to be and most women long for as their significant other.

"He is very successful in his job, probably even more so than myself," says Sterling K. Brown, the 40-year-old actor who plays Randall on the multigenerational dramedy. The winter finale for the critical darling — which explores the complex relationships of a nontraditional family — airs Tuesday and Brown's character, a finance guy and family

man, is at the center of a pretty explosive familial rift.

In real life, the actor, who won an Emmy for his role in "The People v. O.J. Simpson," has a beautiful family setup (his wife, actress Ryan Michelle Bath, stars on this show as well). We talk to Brown about how he relates to Randall, but like us, has no idea how to explain his day job.

What were your initial thoughts on "This Is Us"?

When I first read the pilot, I said to myself: "This is the best television pilot I have ever had the chance to read in 15 years." It was so good just on the page. I laughed out loud, I cried, and the twist at the end — my jaw was on the ground. I was still shooting "The People" at the time, and I remember thinking, "How cool would it be if I went from this show to that show?" And it happened, and it's been really awesome.



From left: The cast includes Susan Kelechi Watson, Sterling K. Brown and Faithe Herman. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Do you relate to Randall at all?

Absolutely. Randall has a beautiful family — a beautiful wife and two beautiful girls. I have a beautiful wife and two beautiful boys. He has been with his wife for a long time, and my wife and I just celebrated our

10-year anniversary. The fact that I lost my father when I was 10 years old, and that Randall never knew his biological father — there is a very similar hole. So his choice to connect with him is a choice that makes sense — to have someone to ask for ad-

vice and to know where you come from. I totally understand what that is.

The winter finale of "This Is Us" airs Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 9 p.m.

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How to break up with someone and remain friends



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Only if it's mutual, mention friendship

If your match is having a hard time accepting the ending, it's not the right time to suggest friendship. In fact, there may never be a right time. Not every person you date is destined to remain in your life. But if the person takes the conversation well and parting ways seems mutual, it's OK to suggest friendship.

Don't use the phrase "let's be friends"

No one wants to feel friend-zoned. Instead, avoid the cliché with something like, "While I don't feel anything romantic, I still think you're really cool. If you want to hang out, I'd be up for it." A term like

"hang out" is a similar sentiment but not a cliché.

Leave the action up to them

If you notice in the example above, the relationship shift is ultimately the other person's decision. While it's your choice to offer friendship, it's not your choice to create that type of relationship. Let them reach out again if they want to — don't do it yourself.

Know that your rejection could lead to them rejecting you

Though you're ending the relationship, you may end up rejected in your offer for friendship. So before you utter those words, make sure you're truly OK being friends ... or not.

Single and Swiping



LAURIE DAVIS

We've all heard it before. "I'm not feeling a spark with you, but

I'd love to be friends." You've officially been put in the friend zone — and it almost never feels good. In fact, sometimes it feels disingenuous, like the other person doesn't really want to be your friend, but just wants to soften the blow.

Yet I often hear this desire from my clients. Maybe you feel the same — you truly do enjoy your date's company and wish you could remain in contact.

Here's how to end a relationship on a good note and ask for friendship — genuinely.

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The Queens International Night Market may be in hibernation for the winter, but you can find about half its vendors at the Queens Museum's annual holiday market. Over 70 local vendors will be selling goods like Nepali handicrafts, Mexican jewelry, robot



The first 300 shoppers score tote bags at Bust Craftacular. PROVIDED

Pop-up presents

lamps, gourmet peanut butter cups and more across both floors of the museum, accompanied by live cultural performances. Dec. 18, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, queensmuseum.org

Holiday Pop-Up

The Asian American Arts Alliance's winter market returns for a second year with tons of indie art and "hand-crafted awesomeness," with highlights like

Rumi Hara's whimsical watercolors, teas and sets from NYC's only traditional Chinese tea house Tea Drunk, and one-of-a-kind clutches by Very Fina Art. Dec. 6, 6:30-9 p.m., W83, 150 W. 83rd St., eventbrite.com

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Expiration dates: What to know

Learn when to toss, when to keep.

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When you look at the expiration date on a can of Coke and it says 2014, does that mean you should toss it? What about the eggs that were only good until yesterday? There's a fine line between being wasteful and getting sick.

"A good rule of thumb is that if it's organic, the shelf life can fly by lightning quick," says Dr. Susan Albers, author of "Eating Mindfully." "You must eat the food within a few days. Don't be surprised if your organic salad begins to brown within a day or two."

Albers also says to be mindful of the exact wording on expiration labels.

"Many people don't know that the terminology varies significantly. For example, 'use by' and 'sell by' are different — 'sell by' giving you extra time."

How much extra? "Usually, the product is still OK to consume for about 10 days after the 'sell by' date if stored, refrigerated and prepared properly," says nutritionist Julie Rothenberg.

"The 'use by' date doesn't necessarily mean there's a food safety issue; this date is for quality control." Meaning, if you don't mind compromised

taste, texture or color — eat up!

While there's a lower risk associated with eating packaged foods and beverages after their expiration date, don't take any chances with meat, seafood and dairy — it's just not worth it.

"The illnesses from food going bad are pretty dangerous and can be life threatening," says Albers.

To make things easy — and safe — we asked Rothenberg to give us a cheat sheet.

Chicken

Use or freeze within one or two days. Cooked chicken lasts for about seven days. Both fresh and cooked chicken last about one year in the freezer.

Beef

Use or freeze within one or two days. Cooked beef lasts for about seven days. It can be stored both cooked and fresh for about six to eight months in the freezer.

Eggs

Eggs can actually last three to five weeks after the "sell by" date, if not cracked.

To help extend shelf life, store eggs in the original container. If freezing eggs, crack them into a freezer-safe container and add salt.

Dairy

If stored properly at

around 40 degrees Fahrenheit, milk can last about five to seven days if open and past the "stored by" date. If unopened, skim or reduced fat milk tends to last a little longer (seven to 10 days).

Baked goods

Packaged bread can last about five to seven days, unrefrigerated. Putting it in the refrigerator will extend its life to one or two weeks.

If the bread is stale, it doesn't necessarily mean the bread has gone bad, it just means it is more at risk to begin to develop mold.

Check for signs of mold if using bread past the "used by" date.

Canned foods

Although canned foods are filled with chemicals and preservatives, don't eat these past the expiration date. Store in a dark environment for best quality and throw them out if a can has a small opening or dent, even prior to the expiration date.

Note that while these are general guidelines, our noses are hardwired to help us detect spoiled food as a built in safety mechanism.

"Even if you're well within the date suggested that the food product is still good, if your nose says otherwise, listen. If it smells funny, throw it away immediately," says Albers.



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Jennings the perfect Knicks sixth man

Brandon Jennings has given the Knicks a great spark off the bench.

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The Knicks are on a bit of a roll lately, having won three straight and eight of their last 11. And while the usual suspects are at the forefront of the victories, it's been the play of a relatively unknown bench that's helped spearhead the charge — in particular, one former high draft pick who's turned into a super sub.

Most NBA fans know who Brandon Jennings is, considering his much-ballyhooed high school-to-Europe-to-NBA story. But what most may not realize is the amount of sacrifice and ego-checking the former All-NBA Rookie first-teamer has undertaken since signing a below-market, one-year/\$5 million deal over the summer to join the Knicks. Jennings will use this season to rebuild his brand and reclaim his status as one of the best and most electrifying point guards in the league — and there's no better place to do so than in New York.

Head coach Jeff Hornacek beams any time



Brandon Jennings fires a no-look pass against the Timberwolves earlier this season. GETTY IMAGES

Jennings' name is mentioned. And following Sunday's gritty win over the Sacramento Kings, Hornacek had nothing but praise for his backup point guard.

"He gave us a big lift," Hornacek said, touting his pregame premonition that Jennings was to play a pivotal role. "I saw [during shootaround]... He said some things, [that] I knew he was going to be good."

Jennings was more than good, as he knocked down all seven free throw attempts in the second half, en route to 13 of his 19 points in the final two quarters.

Known as a gunner, Jennings has been efficient in his new role. He signed with the Knicks (11-9) touting a well-earned reputation as a volume shooter. Prior to this season, Jennings was always the No. 1 point

guard on any roster, starting 416 of his 460 appearances and averaging 31.3 minutes, while putting up an average of 15 shots per game. But since coming to New York, he's changed his game and has become a really valuable bench asset — and an early contender for Sixth Man of the Year.

Anyone who's followed Jennings' path may do a double-take when seeing how seam-

less the transition has become to being a pass-first sixth man. Including Sunday night's tilt, Jennings has come off the bench in every game and has averaged 21.7 minutes, just 6.4 field goal attempts, 3.1 assists, and 7.7 points per contest.

It hasn't been an easy transition, but Jennings sees the bigger picture — for himself and the team.

"At first it was a challenge, [but] I've accepted

it," he said. "I know my role is to play defense, come with a lot of energy, set guys up, [and] play hard. ... I don't have to score a lot. I can set the table. Not that it means I still can't score. I have to sacrifice my game for the team. I'm playing with some of the best scorers in the world. I definitely changed my game and found other things I can bring to the table."

Jennings is definitely setting the table, as he leads the team in assist percentage (percentage of made field goals that a player assisted on) by a wide margin at 32.4 percent. For perspective, before this season, Jennings' career average assist percentage was 30.2 — and he's doing this without starter's minutes.

But while Jennings may be the best reserve on the Knicks, he isn't the only super sub at Hornacek's disposal. Guys like guard Justin Holiday, rookie forwards Mindaugas Kuzminskas and Willy Hernangomez, and center Kyle O'Quinn have all stepped up recently — and that's not even including the boost they'll further get when forward Lance Thomas begins playing regular minutes again following an ankle injury that kept him out for three weeks.

Rangers still with plenty of room for improvement

On Kids Day, Rangers head coach Alain Vigneault was experiencing anything but childlike glee. Rather, he was engaged in a bit of existential angst.

Yes, the Rangers had topped the Carolina Hurricanes, 4-2, in the Saturday afternoon matinee. Yes, the Rangers ended the day tied with Chicago for a NHL-best 35 points.

But the manner in which his team played was what irked Vigneault.

"I would say the first couple of shifts of the game I liked.

Obviously, in the third the game is on the line, I liked — there was a minute stretch in the second that I liked, and everything in between, because there's some kids in the

room here, I'm not going to tell you exactly what I think of those moments there," Vigneault said.

He later added: "We started off well. We scored a goal, and then after that, our execution was nonexistent, nonexistent, but these game are 60 minutes long, three periods. It was a 1-1 game, and we played our best period at the end."

As has been noted in this space, the Rangers' plus-30 goal differential is the NHL's best, as is their 95 goals scored and their 3.65 goals per game average. Undoubtedly those are positives.

But are they sustainable?

An examination of Hockey-reference.com's advanced statistical data-

base reveals the Rangers rank 27th in the league with a 47.2 percent Corsi For percentage. As concerning would be their 49.3 Fenwick For percentage and 104.5 PDO. PDO, for the uninitiated, is a team's five on five shooting percentage added to its even strength save percentage. Traditionally, teams with PDOs over 100 are viewed as being exceptionally fortunate.

Moreover, the Rangers' 47.4 offensive zone start ranks 26th in the NHL, while their 52.6 percent defensive zone start is fifth highest in the NHL.

What does this all mean?

Simply, the Rangers are being out-puck possessed while spending more time in the defen-



The Rangers will tangle with the Islanders tonight in Brooklyn. GETTY IMAGES

sive zone than attacking opponents.

With 56 games remaining, there is time for the Rangers to right their ship. The question is how that will be done. Oppo-

nents are taking away the middle of the ice from the Rangers, which has limited their up-tempo attack. And the Rangers do not possess a proven puck-moving defenseman

after the negotiating rights to then-UFA to be Keith Yandle were traded to Florida prior to the draft.

Since the off-season speculation has persisted that the Rangers and Blues would work out a deal that would see St. Louis trade UFA defenseman Kevin Shattenkirk to Broadway for Rick Nash.

According to industry site CapFriendly.com, Nash is under contract through next season, where he will finish up the final year of an eight year, \$62.4 million contract. Nash has a modified no-trade clause in his contract, which kicked in last season, and will expire at the end of 2017-18. DENIS GORMAN

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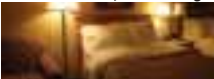
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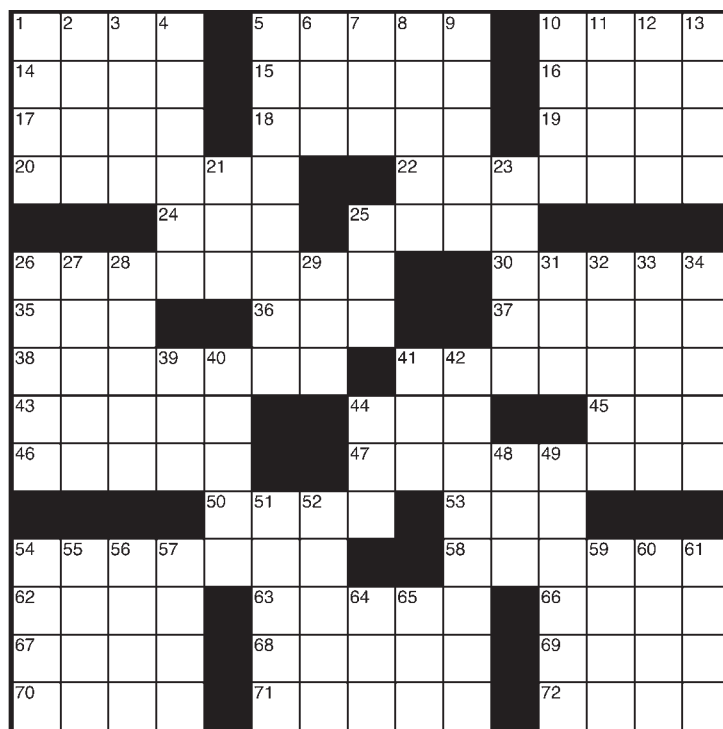
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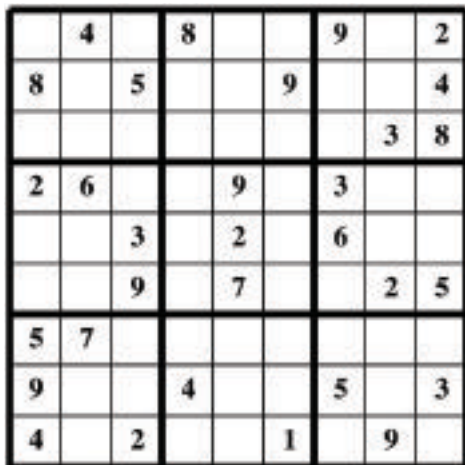
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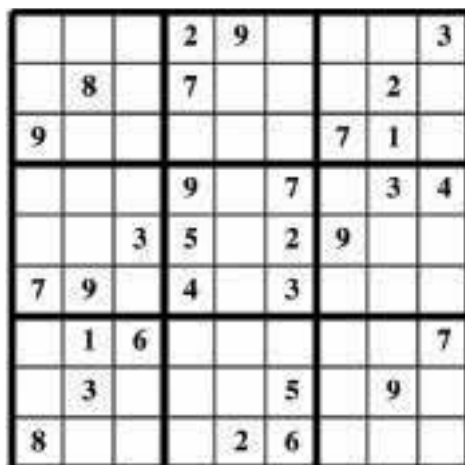


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Aries Don't let boredom cost you. Ensure that what you want to see happen plays out properly. Waiting for someone else to make a move will add to your frustration.



Taurus Plan a business trip or set up a meeting that will allow you to present something you want to pursue. Your plans will be accepted if you are prepared.



Gemini You will have to dodge controversy today. Emotional blackmail will be used to take advantage of you. Sign up for something that requires physical action.



Cancer Share your feelings with someone you want to spend more time with. Whether it's personal or business, work with someone who shares your dreams.



Leo Observation can help you avoid a rash move that could end up being costly. Learn from your mistakes and implement plans you know will bring the results you want.



Virgo Be careful how you handle domestic problems. Demands will be put on you if you aren't strong enough to say no. Pay attention to those who make you happy.



Libra Don't let an emotional issue drag you down. Do what's necessary to take care of your responsibilities so that you can move on to more engaging pastimes.



Scorpio You need to live life your way. An unusual person will trigger your imagination and inspire you to learn whatever is necessary to make your dream come true.



Sagittarius Some advice coming your way may not be right for you. Consider what's being said, but don't be afraid to take a different route if it suits you better.



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